WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Proposal to set up Medicinal Plant Board

4872. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Medicinal Plant Board to promote, trade in medicinal herbs.

(b) if so, whether the proposal has .been cleared.

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(d) when it is likely to be set up?

THEMIMSTEROFSTATEINTHEMJMSTRYOFAGWCULTURE(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is processing a proposal to set up a National Board for Medicinal Plants.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The proposal is yet to be cleared by the Government,

(d) No time frame has been stipulated for setting up the Board.

Agriculture Extension Centres

4873. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to revitalise the Agriculture Extension Centres;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the direction; and

(c) the State-wise details of the number of Agriculture Extension Centres and the number of new Agriculture Extension Centres proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) There is no Agricultural Extension Centre set up by Government.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No such Centres are proposed to be set-up. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras